

For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 60 Low 46	High 55 Low 44	High 60 Low 46

Tonight: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Cloudy, with a low around 54. South southeast wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Friday: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Cloudy, with a high near 60. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Friday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a low around 46. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Saturday: A 40 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a high near 55. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 44. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests in the 48-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Tuesday, April 13
James Floyd Williams, 46, was arrested by deputies on charges of violation of probation in connection with aggravated assault charges.

Devin Padraic, 41, of Highwood, Ill., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated and having an open container in the vehicle.

John Hardy King, 59, was arrested by police on charges of having an open container in his vehicle, theft under \$50 and failure to appear.

Salvador Rodriguez, 32, was arrested by police on charges of criminal mischief.

Wednesday, April 14
Braulio Armando Caldera, 36, was arrested by police on charges of injury to a child, elderly person or disabled person.

Eric Tyler, 17, was arrested by police on charges of disorderly conduct.

Michael Allan Kelley, 19, was arrested by police on charges of burglary of a habitation.

Larry Lee Jackson, 25, of Lefors, was arrested by the Lefors Marshal on charges of assault and family violence.

Donald Mark Mundell, 40, was arrested by deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Gerardo Dominguez, 19, was arrested by police on charges of burglary of a habitat.

East Texas man charged with stealing 420 head of cattle

QUANAH (AP) — An east Texas man is in a West Texas jail after he was charged with stealing 420 head of cattle.

Carl Wade Curry is charged with multiple theft counts in the thefts in Hardeman County, near the Oklahoma border. A statement from the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association says the 43-year-old Athens man created a fraudulent identity for the alleged thefts.

According to the statement, association

Special Ranger Marvin Wills arrested Curry in Falls County in central Texas Monday and he was brought to Hardeman County on Tuesday night to face charges. Bond is set at \$1.7 million. If convicted, he could face up to life in prison.

Curry is also charged in separate cases in six other counties in north, east and central Texas, as well as in Louisiana.

A Hardeman County sheriff's dispatcher declined to say if Curry has an attorney.

Obituaries

John Kenneth "Dink" Lane, 63

Pampa—John Kenneth "Dink" Lane, 63, died April 14, 2010 in Pampa.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday, April 16, 2010, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, and memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17, 2010, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, with Rev. Joseph Ravi, associate pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Lane was born February 21, 1947, son of Jack and June Lane, in Pampa. A 1965 graduate of Pampa High School,

he received his Bachelor's degree in pharmacology from Southwestern University in Weatherford, Oklahoma in 1970. He was a pharmacist in Amarillo and Fort Worth, and in 1981, he returned to Pampa and worked as the pharmacist at Coronado Hospital. John was married to Mary C. Kuehler Stockman on November 24, 1989 in Pampa by Father Gary Sides of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. In 1994, he moved to Salina, Kan. to be the hospital pharmacist. He retired, and returned to Pampa in January of 2010. He was a member of St.

Vincent dePaul Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, as well as the National Pharmacist Association.

Survivors include his wife, Mary C. Lane of the home; two stepdaughters, Sarah Stockman of Pampa, and Rachael M. Stockman of Salina, Kan.; two stepsons, Joshua P. Stockman and Jacob M. Stockman, both of McAlester, Okla.; two grandchildren, Kaileb Stockman and Malachi Williams. He was preceded in death by his parents; three aunts and four uncles.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent dePaul



Lane

Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Richard B. "Ricky" Palmer, 45

Pampa—Richard B. "Ricky" Palmer, 45, died April 13, 2010 in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17, 2010, at the Carpenter's Church, with Rev. J. A. Sinyard, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Ricky was born June 19, 1964 in Pampa to Betty Marie and Richard

B. Palmer, Sr.. He had been a lifelong resident of Pampa, and worked for T2 Janitorial Service up until the time of his death. He loved camping, fishing and horses.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Richard and Linda Palmer of Pampa; a brother, Michael Palmer of Waurika, Okla.; three sisters, Melissa McClure and husband Larry of

Turpin, Okla., Samantha McPherson and Bonnie Albers and husband Chris, all of Pampa; aunt, Becky McCain of Bosque Farms, N.M.; seven nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Carpenter's Church, 639 S. Barnes, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com



Palmer

Norma Eileen Shackelford, 85

Plainview—Norma Eileen Shackelford, 85, died April 11, 2010 in Lubbock.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, with Rev. Dr. Jerry R. Lane, pastor of the United Methodist Church of White Deer, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Norma Eileen Shackelford was born May 23, 1924 in Garden City, Kan., the oldest child of Samuel Raymond and Ethel Joseph Stevenson. She married Glen O. Harman on September 13, 1942 in Liberal, Kan. Glen

died in action in 1945 during World War II, about one month after the death of their son, Larry Glenn Harman. Norma later married Albert U. Shackelford, Jr., on January 18, 1947 in Garden City, Kan.. He preceded her in death in 1991. They moved to Pampa in 1965 where she resided until 2005 when she moved to Plainview. Norma was a homemaker and a realtor, serving a term as president of the Pampa Board of Realtors.

Survivors include her two sons, Robert Shackelford and wife Kathryn of Fort Collins, Colo., and Mark Shackelford and wife Pam of Plainview; four grandsons, Kevin Shackelford of Loveland, Colo., Donovan

Shackelford and wife Sonia of Las Vegas, Nev., Scott Shackelford and wife Jacie of Orlando, Fla., and Matthew Shackelford of Lubbock; one granddaughter: Holly Graham of Amarillo; two great-grandsons, Brady Shackelford and Logan Shackelford, both of Loveland, Colo.; a brother: John Stevenson of Niotaze, Kan.; and a sister: Betty Ragland of Shell Knob, Mo. Norma was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Stevenson and Dale Stevenson; and a sister, Maxine McConaughy.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org.



Shackelford

The family will receive friends at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home from 6-7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2010.

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Henry Wilbanks Gruben, 82

Pampa—Henry Wilbanks Gruben, 82, died April 13, 2010 in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 16, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Kenny Rigoulot, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gruben was born July 21, 1927 in Spur and was a 1944 graduate of Spur High School. He attended Hardin Simmons University in Abilene for two years, and attended Texas Technological University in Lubbock, graduating in 1949 with a major in zoology and a minor in math. Henry married Ramona Matheny on September 1, 1949 in Pampa. She preceded him in death on August 13, 1991. He had been a resident of Pampa since June of 1953. He later married Mary Hills on November

6, 1992 in Pampa. Henry held licenses as a Texas Real Estate Broker, a Texas Life Insurance Agent, and a Texas General Insurance Recording Agent. He was an insurance sales associate for American General Life Insurance Company from 1953-1954. He worked as an agent and partner with Panhandle Insurance Agency and later Marsh & McLennan Agency from 1954 until his retirement on May 1, 1986. He was also the owner and broker for Century 21 Pampa Realty. Henry was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Everyman's Bible Class, the Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381, and a former member and president of the Pampa Noon Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Gruben of the home; two sons, David Gruben of Boerne, and Karl T. Gruben and wife Linda of San Diego, Calif.; granddaughter, Erin E.

Gross and husband Chris of Longmont, Colo.; step-granddaughter, Angela M. Melancon of New Orleans; two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Everyman's Bible Class or Pampa Senior Citizens, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Gruben

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Texas educators seek delay of school curriculum vote

DALLAS (AP) — A group of university educators on Thursday called on the State Board of Education to delay a final vote on contentious statewide school curriculum standards until experts from higher education can weigh in on the matter.

In an open letter made public Thursday, the educators called on the board to delay its planned May vote until curriculum teams and a panel of qualified, credentialed content experts from the state's colleges and universities can review changes the board made and "prepare a new draft of the standards that is fair, accurate and balanced," the letter says.

"The integrity of the curriculum revision process has been compromised," the educators wrote.

Last month, the board gave preliminary approval to new standards for grades K-12 after three days of public hearings and contentious debate. A far-right faction of the board succeeded in injecting conservative ideals into social studies, history and economics lessons.

The proposed curriculum standards will require teachers to cover the Judeo-Christian influences of the nation's Founding Fathers, but not highlight the philosophical rationale for the separation of church and state. Curriculum standards also will describe the U.S. government as a "constitutional republic," rather than "democratic," and students will be required to study the decline in value of the U.S. dollar, including the abandonment of the gold standard.

Many critics, including several Hispanic lawmakers and academic experts, have said the new curriculum minimizes the contributions of minorities.

Those behind the open letter include educators from the University of Texas at Austin and UT-El Paso. The co-chairs are Emilio Zamora from UT-Austin and Keith A. Erikson of UTEP.

They call on the board to permit a public review and comment period on the new draft before final adoption of the standards.

Texas Education Agency spokeswoman Debbie Ratcliffe, who generally speaks for the State Board of Education, did not immediately respond to a call Thursday seeking comment.

Perry to Tea Partiers: 'Watch your backs'

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry warned tea party organizers to watch their backs for liberals who wish to make them look bad as thousands were planning to stage tax-day rallies across the state on Thursday.

At rallies from El Paso to Tyler, supporters of the conservative tea party movement were planning to send their message of limited government and lower taxes to Washington. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich was set to speak at an Austin rally.

Thousands are expected to participate in the gatherings, and tea party leaders are striving to divert fringe groups, extremists or infiltrators obsessed with hateful messages.

In an invitation-only conference call with tea party organizers on Wednesday, Perry urged participants to "continue looking over your shoulder ... for people trying to make the tea party into something that it's not."

Perry, a frequent Washington basher who capitalized on the tea party movement to defeat Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in the March primary elections, was not scheduled to speak at any rallies. But he cautioned supporters against tea party opponents.

"You can bet that every dirty trick is going to get

played on tea parties, trying to marginalize them, trying to make them into something that they're not," said Perry, who faces Democrat Bill White in November's gubernatorial election.

In Austin, Gingrich will tout the new Contract "From" America, a 10-part conservative pledge that some tea party activists are asking elected officials to sign. Gingrich is well-known for his support of the Contract With America that helped Republicans recapture control of Congress in 1994.

In the Houston area, tea party organizers made extra security arrangements and asked their crowds to be "vigilant to make sure no one tries to misrepresent us," said Suzanne Guggenheim, president of the North Houston Tea Party Patriots.

Speakers at rallies there include conservative radio talk show hosts, state lawmakers and Rick Green, an evangelical former state lawmaker who was defeated in the GOP runoff election Tuesday night for a seat on the state Supreme Court.

In the year since the movement took off, hostility over Wall Street bailouts, the national debt and government spending helped Texas tea party candidates beat two longtime House Republicans in recent elections.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws (whom I love dearly) moved to another state after retirement, and when they come to visit they always stay with us. They own a house next door that is occupied by their daughter, and they also have another child living nearby.

How can I politely suggest that they stay in their own house with their daughter or with the other child? Both have the space to accommodate them. I work very early morning hours and don't want to disturb them, but they pretty much take over our house when they are here. I don't know if the other children offer them a place to stay or not, but I'm tired of having them here every time they visit. — STUCK IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR STUCK: Discuss this with your husband and his siblings. It's possible that the other children haven't extended an invitation to the parents to stay with them.

And if you view it from another perspective, it's unfair to the others that the parents slight them by staying with you when they're in town.

DEAR ABBY: I am not gay or bisexual, but I'm in love with my boss, who is a female like me. She's 27 and I am 17. She is married and doesn't know how I feel about her.

I looked up her address on the Internet and got directions to her house. I drive by every day — don't ask me why. I told her I have a friend who lives on the same street that she does, and that I saw her car in the driveway.

About a month ago, she caught me driving by as she was pulling out of her driveway. Two days ago, she called my mother — they have been friends for years — and asked, "What's wrong with 'Janie'? She pulled my address up from a computer. I saw her driving past my house."

That's all my mom told me, but how in the heck did she find out? I still have the printout in my bedroom, and it's still in the same position it was, so I don't think my mom saw it and told her about it. Only three of my closest friends know, and I don't

think they repeated anything because they have no reason to — and they don't know my boss. What's going on here? Am I going crazy? — FOUND OUT IN FLORIDA

DEAR FOUND OUT: What's "going on" is you have become obsessed with your boss, and your trips past her house could be construed as stalking. You are not "going crazy," but you definitely need counseling. Please tell your mother I said so.

DEAR ABBY: "College Co-Ed in Williamsburg, Va." (Feb. 10) was concerned about her mother opening and reading her bills and statements. There's another option you didn't address.

If it is too much bother to rent a post office box near her college and have the mail forwarded to her parents' home during semester breaks, a simpler and easier option is "paperless" bank statements. Most banks and companies let you choose to receive your statements electronically.

"Co-Ed" can go online to the various entities from whom she receives regular bills and select the "paperless billing" or "paperless statement" option under her account settings. When new bills/statements are available, she'll get an e-mail from each company informing her she can log in to her account to review her statements and bills.

This way, her mother can't see her bills and bank statements, and she'll have the satisfaction of knowing she is doing her bit for the environment. — SAVVY ONLINE CONSUMER IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR SAVVY: You know what? You're absolutely right. And so are the hundreds of other readers who wrote to say the same thing. Thank you.

Budget woes force prisons to cut counseling

DALLAS (AP) — When John Patrick Barton was in prison on his third drunken driving conviction, he was not among the thousands of inmates nationwide who undergo alcohol and drug treatment behind bars each year.

Fifteen months later and out of prison, Barton is accused of driving drunk again. This time, authorities say he plowed his car into another, killing a woman and her teenage daughter in a Dallas suburb on Easter.

Barton's case has turned into a rallying cry in Texas, where state officials have proposed slashing more than \$23 million from in-prison treatment programs. These types of programs — many already stretched thin — are increasingly endangered as shrinking budgets force several states to consider cuts to treatment for drug users, drunken drivers and sex offenders.

Though Barton was never ordered to undergo alcohol treatment after his third drunken driving offense, those opposed to the proposed cuts to the nation's second largest prison system are using his case as an example of what they fear will happen if treatment programs are trimmed.

"People say, 'How can you afford to (fund) this?'" said Texas Sen. John Whitmire, chair of the senate's criminal justice committee. "My comeback is, 'How can you afford not to?'"

Studies have shown offenders with substance abuse problems are more likely to return to prison without treatment. Yet only 11 percent of the nation's inmates with substance abuse problems receive treatment during incarceration, according to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

Several states have already decided to reduce in-prison

treatment programs that are often required as a condition of parole and can sometimes lead to early release from prison. In some cases, experts say, offenders may end up serving more of their prison sentence if budget cuts make it difficult to receive treatment.

In Kansas, for example, budget cuts gutted the system's treatment and support services of more than 900 counselors. Sixteen substance abuse counselors were cut, the 220 counselors who operated the state's "therapeutic communities" programs in prisons were laid off, as were 160 of the 312 sex offender counselors.

"Our concern is that this will make it more difficult for inmates to put together valid release plans and will increase the probability that they will be unable to comply with conditions of their release or reoffend at a higher rate," said Kansas Secretary of Corrections Roger Werholtz. "We're just real nervous."

In Pennsylvania, reductions to alcohol-treatment programs have created a backlog of inmates waiting for drug and alcohol counseling required before receiving parole. At the Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility in Iowa, a shrinking corrections budget forced the layoffs of eight of the facility's 12 counselors, who treat some 600 sex offenders. Prison officials estimate about 40 will not receive treatment.

The number of inmates receiving treatment for substance abuse in California also has dropped. The state overhauled its in-prison treatment system in recent years, cutting 80 percent of its substance abuse contract counselors amid a shrinking budget and complaints that programs were wasteful. The budget for in-prison treatment programs also shrank this year, dropping by about 17 percent from 2009.

Taxes

sign your form, mail your return, mail a payment, file an extension if necessary and read the IRS Web site for help.

Stiles said if you anticipate missing the deadline, you will need to file an extension, a move that can help you save money.

"You still may be penalized but not

as heavy," Stiles said.

Filing an extension, the IRS Web site says, is a simple process. By filling out Form 4868 before the deadline, your tax deadline will be extended until October 15. Taxpayers can file Form 4868 with paid preparers or with tax software.

Stiles said most people do file on

time and that 90 percent of her clients have already filed. Still, the owner of S&P Bookkeeping wants people to know they are there to help.

"We are glad that we have the opportunity to help people that don't get their taxes done," Stiles said. "If people need help, they just need to let us know."

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Fling

NHRA model Funny car from Culberson Stowers, a turquoise necklace from Wayne's Western Wear, and a diaper cake from Pampa Market.

"So many people have come forward to help out," said Long. "We've had some really good sponsors come out for us. Everyone has been great."

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, April 15, the 105th day of 2010. There are 260 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 15, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln died, nine hours after being shot the night before by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater in Washington. Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

On this date:

In 1817, the first permanent American school for the deaf opened in Hartford, Conn.

In 1850, the city of San Francisco was incorporated.

In 1861, three days after the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter, President Abraham Lincoln declared a state of insurrection and called out Union troops.

In 1912, the British luxury liner RMS Titanic sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland, less than three hours after striking an iceberg; some 1,500 people died.

In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen.

In 1947, Jackie Robinson, baseball's first black major league player, made his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day. The Dodgers defeated the Boston Braves, 5-3.

In 1959, Cuban leader Fidel Castro arrived in Washington to begin a goodwill tour of the United States. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles resigned for health reasons; he was succeeded by Christian A. Herter.

In 1960, a three-day conference to form the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) began at Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C. The group's first chairman was Marion Barry.

In 1980, existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre died in Paris at age 74.

In 1990, actress Greta Garbo died in New York at age 84.

Ten years ago: The world's leading financial officials, meeting in Washington, pledged cooperation to promote global prosperity. Meanwhile, anti-globalization protesters swarmed through the heart of the nation's capital. Cal Ripken of the Baltimore Orioles became the 24th player to reach 3,000 hits when he lined a clean single to center off Twins reliever Hector Carrasco. The Orioles won the game, 6-4.

Five years ago: A Paris hotel fire killed 24 people, many of them African immigrants. A Russian rocket blasted off from the Central Asian steppes, catapulting three crew members on a two-day journey to the international space station.

One year ago: Tens of thousands of protesters staged "tea parties" around the country to tap into the collective angst stirred up by a bad economy, government spending and bailouts. A U.S. Army master sergeant, John Hatley, was convicted of murder at a court-martial in Vilsack, Germany, in the 2007 killings of four bound and blindfolded Iraqis. Hatley initially received life in prison but had his sentence later reduced to 40 years. Pirates released the Greek-owned cargo ship Titan that had been hijacked off the Somali coast on March 19.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Michael Ansara is 88. Country singer Roy Clark is 77. Author and politician Jeffrey Archer is 70. Rock singer-guitarist Dave Edmunds is 66. Actress Lois Chiles is 63. Writer-producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason is 63. Actress Amy Wright is 60. Columnist Heloise is 59. Actress-screenwriter Emma Thompson is 51. Bluegrass musician Jeff Parker is 49. Singer Samantha Fox is 44. Rock musician Ed O'Brien (Radiohead) is 42. Actor Flex Alexander is 40. Actor Danny Pino is 36. Actor-writer Seth Rogen is 28. Actress Alice Braga is 27. Rock musician De'Mar Hamilton (Plain White T's) is 26. Actress Emma Watson is 20.

Thought for Today:

"Freedom is what you do with what's been done to you." - Jean-Paul Sartre, 1905-1980.

NOW, IF WE'RE GOING TO HEAR WHAT I'VE WRITTEN ON MY HAND, SOMEONE BETTER FETCH ME THOSE BENDY-TYPE STRAWS I'D REQUESTED.



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America at crossroads of space exploration

BY KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON
U.S. Senator

This recent launch of the NASA Space Shuttle Discovery is a bittersweet moment that highlights the success of America's manned space program, but at the same time moves our nation one step closer to the plans of the Obama Administration to voluntarily surrender our country's half-century of leadership in space exploration.

It is ironic that this mission will considerably expand the scientific capability of the International Space Station (ISS) and bring it closer to final assembly while we move toward embracing complete dependence on Russia for future access to the space station. Six months from now if the remaining flights are completed as scheduled, U.S. crew members along with European, Japanese and Canadian crew members, for whom the U.S. is also obligated to provide transportation to the ISS, will only be able to fly there aboard Russian Soyuz spacecraft at a cost to American taxpayers of \$51 million per seat. That's a combined total of at least \$300 million per year, assuming the Russians don't raise the price once they are the only available provider of launch services.

This will be the case until an as-yet unknown commercial provider can design, build and test an as-yet unidentified vehicle on an as-yet undefined schedule, which most experts expect to be from five to seven years away. Just as disturbing, according to a recent report of the General Accountability Office, is the absence of the space shuttle will mean the space station will be vulnerable to the potential failure of major components or systems whose replacement or return to earth for repair and redelivery were provided

by the space shuttle, threatening years of research and billions in investment.

In fact, the ability of the space station to be used for the science and research it was designed and built to conduct could be compromised by the inability to ensure the delivery of research materials and equipment to the station, and especially to return samples home for analysis of the in-orbit research.

This also will have a direct impact on Texas. The Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston is the premiere NASA center for the International Space Station (ISS) and human space flight, scientific and medical research efforts. The JSC employs over 3,400 civil servants and more than 13,000 contract employees. In total, the JSC supports the Houston area by generating an economic impact of over \$4 billion and 35,000 jobs. The potential loss of this workforce's skills during the transition has long-term implications for our state and its continued support of space flight programs.

I have legislation which would keep space shuttles flying until it can be clearly determined that the space station is fully equipped to do research and has sufficient spares and replacement parts to keep functioning in the absence of the shuttle's capability. It would also accelerate the development of a shuttle-derived replacement, which could be available in time to narrow or close the gap after the shuttle is retired, whenever that is determined to be. My plan would be budget neutral.

Our nation must not be forced to choose between maintaining our independence in reaching space and investment in the next generation of space vehicle. We can and must do both. By maintaining our independence from other

nations in reaching space, the U.S. can fully realize the research potential of the space station as a national

lab and protect our nation's security and economic interests.

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Sports

PJH boys swim team wins second, girls eighth

ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Junior High boys swim team finished second and the girls eighth in the final meet of the season Saturday at Andrews.

The boys scored 284 points, which was 22 points behind first place San Angelo Lee. Pampa also took some elementary boys and they finished fourth with 119 points. Coach Edward Garvin said he was proud of his kids and that they worked hard.

"We set a total of 11 Pampa Junior High swim records," Garvin said. "Some were broken again and again at every meet we swam in. They gave it everything they had and are a determined group of kids."

The boys 200 yard medley relay team finished fourth with a time of 2:27.50. Jared Howard, Chris Garvin, Dalton Hudson and John Cryer were the swimmers.

Chris Garvin won first in the boys 200 yard freestyle with a time of 2:35.93. Foreman finished third with a time of 2:40.99. Salcido finished fourth with a time of 2:49.91. Chance Butler finished first in the sixth grade and under race with a time of 3:14.45. Cryer finished ninth in the 100 yard individual medley with a time of 1:23.59. Hudson finished seventh with a time of 1:18.58. Howard finished ninth with a time of 31.48. Cryer finished 12th with a time of 32.26.

Hudson finished fifth in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 34.16. Bryce Gordon finished ninth in the sixth grade and under 50 yard freestyle with a time of 50.67. Joshua Garvin finished third in the third grade and under 50 yard freestyle with a time of 1:02.83. Cryer finished sixth in the 50 yard butterfly with a time of 1:08.20. Howard finished ninth with a time of 1:09.79. Zach Hampton finished 13th in the 50 yard butterfly with

a time of 44.76. Butler finished third in the sixth grade and under 100 yard freestyle with a time of 1:30.54. Gordon finished ninth with a time of 2:15.71.

Chris Garvin finished third in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 7:08. Foreman finished fifth with a time of 7:26.49. Salcido finished sixth with a time of 7:55.58. Howard finished third in the 50 yard backstroke with a time of 35.51. Foreman finished fifth with a time of 39.33. Salcido finished 12th with a time of 44.71. Gordon finished seventh in the sixth grade and under 50 yard backstroke with a time of 1:03.23. Joshua Garvin finished tenth in the third grade and under 25 yard backstroke with a time of 33.56.

Hudson finished fourth in the 50 yard breaststroke with a time of 39.63. Chris Garvin finished tenth with a time of 46.25. The boys finished fifth in the 200 yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:14.81. Chris Garvin, Howard, Cryer and Hudson were the swimmers.

The girls finished with 112.5 points, which was nine points behind eighth place Nimitz junior high. Pampa's A relay team finished 10th in the 200 yard medley relay with a time of 2:46.21. Tyler Lambright, Sage Dorn, Katlyne Hulsey and Samantha Estes were the swimmers. The B team finished 11th with a time of 2:58.55. Samantha VanHouten, Jasmine Villarreal, Brook Woelfle and Mackenzie Parks were the swimmers.

Parks finished fourth in the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 2:49.31. Lambright finished eighth with a time of 2:57.51. Estes finished 12th with a time of 3:19.59. Dorn finished ninth in the 100 yard individual medley with a time of 1:30.61. Hulsey finished 14th with a time of 1:32.77. VanHouten finished 33rd in the 50

yard freestyle with a time of 38.90. Estes finished 29th with a time of 37.57. Woelfle finished 32nd with a time of 38.20. Valenzuela finished 35th with a time of 39.65. Lena Dyer finished 46th with a time of 56.47.

Woelfle finished 17th in the 50 yard butterfly with a time of 46.09. Villarreal finished 22nd with a time

of 49.58. VanHouten finished 30th with a time of 1:25.89. Parks finished 21st in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 1:19.31. Estes finished 32nd with a time of 1:29.80. Valenzuela finished 33rd with a time of 1:31.77. Lambright finished seventh with a time of 7:36.56. Dorn finished eighth in the 500 yard

freestyle with a time of 7:51.13. Dyer finished 30th with in the 50 yard backstroke with a time of 1:09.40. VanHouten finished 22nd with a time of 51 seconds. Lambright finished seventh with a time of 40.48.

Hulsey finished 12th in the 50 yard breaststroke with a time of 51.51.

Woelfle finished 20th with a time of 52.41. The Pampa B team finished 12th in the 200 yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:32.69. Woelfle, Villarreal, Parks and Phyllis Chennault were the swimmers. The A team finished 13th with a time of 2:35.58. Cindy Schepp was one of the swimmers.

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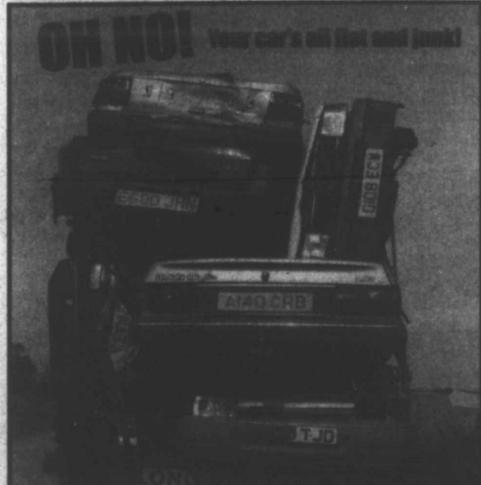
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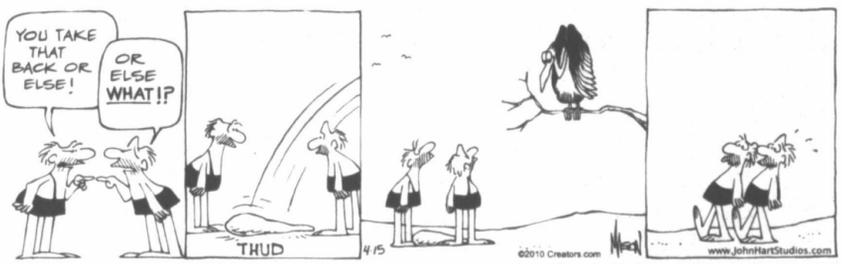
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** Be sensitive to expenses and new choices. Though you might feel lucky today, tomorrow could be another story. A project needs your time and focus. Nothing can replace that. You might be surprised by your transforming view of another person. Tonight: TGIF with pals. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** You are seeing a situation from a renewed perspective. Someone really does feel inspired by you, and vice versa. Being practical could be a bigger issue. A meeting or a key friend paves your way to unusual success. The only answer to an offer is "yes." Tonight: Where the action is. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
** You could be exasperated with people. Listen to your inner voice and only connect with those you must. A family member or a domestic issue weighs on your mind. Handle that later. New solutions come up. Tonight: Happiest alone. CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Zero in on what you want, making new possibilities happen. Meetings and friends seem to pave your way. Communication opens doors that you might not have been able to pass through. Start considering an offer or opportunity that will allow your mind to open up. Tonight: Where your friends are. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Others have a take-charge attitude, and many wish you, too, would step up to the plate. Discussions with a partner set a precedent. Getting down to basics could be important. Take a step forward toward a partner who often offers you a lot. Tonight: A must appearance. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Keep reaching out for new information. You could decide a change in plans would serve you well. Observe a tendency to overthink. You might not be as precise as usual. Double-check your work. Tonight: Follow the music. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** You could be a bit down, as a partner might be tough. Ask yourself if you are contributing to this difficult attitude. Try to lessen the obstacles. Relate on an individual level with key people. Tonight: Togetherness works. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You could feel overwhelmed by everything that is going down at this point. Listen to an older friend. Though sometimes you find this person cynical, he or she is helpful as well. Let others display their true colors before making a decision. Tonight: Just don't be alone. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** You have a lot of ground to cover, and you have every intention of doing just that. Clear out calls, errands and any projects you can. You will want to be free this weekend. The unexpected happens, and you might need to escape, at least mentally, to think about a personal matter. Tonight: Visit with those you encounter while running errands or at the gym. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Your creativity comes forward and solves issues where others cannot step over the problem. You also understand what others want. You could be a little taken aback by what someone shares. Be willing to flex in a new direction. Tonight: Start the weekend as a celebration. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** You might not be sharing everything you are thinking. Finances play a big role, especially with a domestic or personal matter. You have many inspired ideas, but you might need to become more practical in carrying them out. Tonight: Money on home. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Communication flourishes. You make a difference. You help someone loosen up. Surprises mark a conversation, encouraging a change in thought, if not direction. A partner tries to relax a little more. Tonight: Hanging out with friends is perfect. BORN TODAY
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Sports

Miami eight-year-old wins Reserve All-Around Cowboy

MARY QUISENBERRY
Special to The Pampa News

Around Cowboy in the 8 and under age group at the Devers Winter Series held in Perryton, Texas. He competed in Barrels,

Poles, Goat Tying, and Breakaway. Finals were held April 10, 2010. Colt is a second grade student at Miami Elementary.

He is the grandson of Larry and Mary Quisenberry of Miami and the son of Dustie Quisenberry of Elk City, Oklahoma.



photo by **Mary Quisenberry**
Colt Quisenberry, 8, of Miami holds his horse and poses with his awards for winning the reserve all around cowboy Saturday in Perryton.

Pirates' Lott high jumps into regionals



photo by **Roy Lott**
Lefors' Keenan Lott won second place in the high jump at the area track meet in White Deer Tuesday. Lott jumped five feet and 10 inches and will compete in the regional track meet in Levelland May 2 and 3.

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Noble second place in hurdles at district



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Allison Noble (fourth from left) leaps over a hurdle in the 110 hurdles during the district meet at Randall High School Saturday. Noble finished second in the event.

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